

SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS TO-DAY.

RACING—Sheepshead Bay, 2:30 p. m.; Saratoga, 2:30 p. m.
YACHTING—Knockabout races on the Sound; Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club against Philadelphia Corinthian Yacht Club.
LAWN TENNIS—National championships, Newport; international tournament, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
CRICKET—State Island against Canada, Livingston, Staten Island, 11 a. m.
GOLF—Annual tournament Stockbridge Golf Club; members' handicap, Maidstone Golf Club, Easthampton.
HARNESSES RACING—Grand Circuit, Glen Falls; other meetings, Goshen, N. Y.; Utica, N. Y.; Hornellville, N. Y.; Dubuque, Iowa.

THE RACETRACK.

THIS IS FUTURITY DAY.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT THE GREAT RACE—PROSPECTS FOR THE CONTEST.

Horsemen and racegoers from all parts of the country are in the city and will journey to Sheepshead Bay today to witness the contest for the Futurity Stake, the most valuable race run on the American turf. There have been doubt and uncertainty about the outcome of Futurity in the past, but in every one of them horses of distinctive merit and class have been engaged and turf experts had definite opinions about the contestants, and they were enabled to select a probable winner with the record of the colt or filly as a foundation for their views. It must be admitted that several of the contestants in to-day's battle have raced creditably. Autumn has won several contests. Captain Sibley showed form sufficient to give him pretensions to class. Then there are Dr. Eichberg and Sir Hubert, both winners and one of the pair will have the benefit of Sloan's skill and energy in the saddle. It is generally conceded that Dr. Eichberg is an improved colt, and that he is better than he has been at any time since the Philadelphians bought him. Mr. Clay's colt is also considered a factor in the Futurity, as his recent fast trials and the ease with which he won a race not long ago have attracted the attention of many of the turf experts who are classed as players by the "cherubs that sweep upon steeds and gather the wealth of the unperceived."

Then there is The Lady in Blue to be considered. She is trained by James Rowe. This filly is so fast that she has not been started in races for fear that she might win and lose her maiden allowances. As a yearling she ran a three-furlong trial in thirty-five seconds, and received special preparation for the fight of to-day. The Lady in Blue is owned by Mrs. W. S. Barnes, of Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Barnes decided to have the Futurity the first race in the record of The Lady in Blue, and firmly believes that the graceful filly will bear away the prize. J. E. Madden will ride her in the Futurity, for his colt Sennett is considered a real "jinkler," capable of giving any two-year-old in training a severe struggle, with the possibility of beating his opponent at even weights.

It is likely that Marcus Daly will have a representative in the Futurity. John Daly's High Jinks must not be overlooked, because that good filly has received her preparation at Holmdel under the watchful eye of Davy Gidson.

Many favorable reports are about concerning His Lordship, who has been trained for the Futurity at Saratoga. It is rumored that this young horse is a marvel, and that an offer of a big sum may be refused for him.

Martins, who is owned in Canada, is a promising youngster, and pleases the Canucks mightily in his good work.

La Penitente is fast, but is a slow beginner in her races. The absence of the starting gate, however, is likely to make a difference to many of the contestants who appeared to be afraid of the intricacy in their races.

J. W. Colt's Anagram has run some rapid trials, and may possibly be an added starter this afternoon.

John Belmont's colors are not likely to be carried in the Futurity this year. While Dr. O'Day is a runner of high class, in very particular, has been having some trouble. Notwithstanding his immaturity he is capable of showing fast trials, but his trainer, John J. Hyland, does not believe in racing lame horses.

James R. Keene has two candidates for the Futurity, his filly Veracruz and his colt St. Lorraine, both of which have exhibited remarkable trials. Here is a list of some of the starters with the names of their owners, and the last will probably ride them and our latest trials at six furlongs:

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Atom	118
Anagram	118
Belle	117
Captain Sibley	119
Dr. Eichberg	118
Sir Hubert	118
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Hi Lewis	117
High Degree	117
McCloud & Smith's His Lordship	117
The Lady in Blue	116

There are nearly a dozen in addition to the foregoing that are probable starters. Consequently the race is likely to prove extremely exciting. The Morris W. Clark, the Seawanhaka and Duke of Middlesex are among the possibilities.

W. W. Daly's Rushee, Sombre, Mark Miller and Rockaway are among the possibilities.

Tommy's R. is another, but it is not known what his master's remark when asked about the race.

Nevertheless it is certain that the bookmakers will try to rob the afternoon, as they always do when famous and popular race is declared. We are sure that they will give abominable and unfair and treacherous prices, as they did for Suburban. The majority of the bookmakers never bet on the results.

Most of them are practical bookmakers in the odds in which they offer. There are a few bookmakers in the ring who are the way "on the steal," as the saying goes, but the number of these men is small. Many of the bookmakers are Alphonse and backstakers pisteurs, who steadfastly refuse to give decent prices to the public.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY ENTRIES.

In nearly every race to be run to-day at the Sheepshead Bay course of the Coney Island Jockey Club, large fields of horses will face the starter, provided that there are few scratches. The programme contains the names of sixteen probable starters in the first race, twenty-six candidates for the Futurity and fourteen entries for the \$1,500 Futurity.

There are no race are less than nine horses entered. The programme is in marked contrast to those arranged by the Brighton, Aqueduct and Saratoga racing associations, where the entries have been unusually light and the average starters of poor quality.

Here are the full lists of probable starters in all the races to be run to-day:

FIRST RACE—For two-year-olds and upward; selling, \$200; weights to be 115 pounds; beaters made non-weighted. Last five furlongs of Futurity Course.

SECOND RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; general weight, 115 pounds; beaters made non-weighted. Seven furlongs.

THIRD RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; general weight, 115 pounds; beaters made non-weighted. Seven furlongs.

FOURTH RACE—The FUTURITY, a sweepstakes for two-year-olds; \$200 each; starters to pay \$250 to the owner, \$8,750 apiece by the Coney Island Jockey Club; to second, \$1,000 of the added money and two-thirds of the starting money; to third, \$500 of the added money and one-third of the starting money; owners of the third horse at time of foaling to receive \$2,000; \$1,250 and \$600 of the added money respectively; penalties and allowances. Futurity Course, 150 feet less than six furlongs.

J. E. Madden's br. c. Glenhelm, by Hanover—Imp.

Cinderella—

J. E. Smith's br. c. Ahoy, by Sir Dixons—Boulevard—

C. Fleischmann's Son, br. c. Sir Elbert, by Sir Dixons—

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C. Fleischmann's Son, br. c. Dr. Eichberg, by Imp. C. Cannibals—Neil Swift—

William Hendrie's ch. c. Maxine, by Imp. C. Cannibals—

Sydney Putter's br. c. Mr. Clay, by Lexington—Miss Clay—

Tunney Brothers' br. c. Captain Sibley, by Imp. C. Cannibals—

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